

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION  
No. 7:23-CV-897**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
<b>CAMP LEJEUNE WATER LITIGATION</b>	)	
	)	<b>UNITED STATES' MOTION TO</b>
	)	<b>STRIKE JURY TRIAL DEMAND</b>
This Document Relates To:	)	
ALL CASES	)	
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Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 39(a)(2), Defendant United States of America moves to strike the jury trial demand in Plaintiffs' Master Complaint [Dkt. 25]. "[A] plaintiff in an action against the United States has a right to trial by jury only where Congress has affirmatively and unambiguously granted that right by statute." *Lehman v. Nakshian*, 453 U.S. 156, 168 (1981). The Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 ("CLJA"), Pub. L. No. 117-168, § 804, 136 Stat. 1802, 1802-04 (2022), which simply provides for "appropriate relief" and states that "[n]othing in this subsection shall impair the right of any party to a trial by jury," *id.* § 804(d), fails to affirmatively and unambiguously grant a right to a jury trial against the United States. Accordingly, the CLJA does not permit jury trials against the United States, and the Court should strike the jury trial demand in Plaintiffs' Master Complaint.

In support of this Motion to Strike, the United States submits and relies upon its accompanying Memorandum in Support.

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